

(a) the number of Public Call Offices opened in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to open Public Call Offices in each panchayat headquarters; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The details of public call offices opened in Rajasthan during the last three years are given below:

Year	No. of PCs opened
1988-89	353
1989-90	79
1990-91	127
	559

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) By 31st March 1995

[English]

Arms to Punjab Militants

1801. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI
M.V.CHANDRAHEKARA
MURTHY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the militants in Punjab are now getting arms and ammunitions from Kashmiri Militants rather than from Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct secret investigations to know the activities of militants in Kashmir and Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M.JACOB): (a) to (c). Government have seen reports indicating links between militants in Jammu & Kashmir and extremists in Punjab for sharing weapons etc. Security agencies are actively engaged in combating with the situation.

Sale of Mahjai Diamond of Maharaja of Kapurthala

1802. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the famous Mahjai diamond weighing 139.38 carats used by the Maharaja of Kapurthala, Jagjit Singh Bahadur, was sold in an international auction of Christie's in Geneva in November, 1983 for pound 4,12,500;

(b) if so, whether there was a FERA violation;

(c) whether any action has been initiated in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M.JACOB): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.